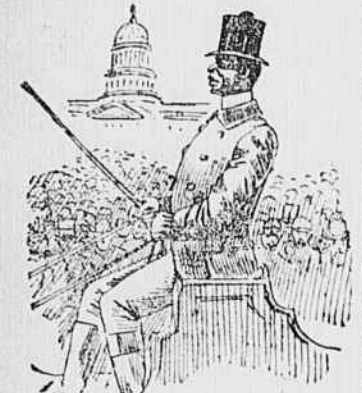


THE PRINCE OF COACHMEN

Some Notable Events in the Career of Albert Hawkins.

Presidents Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Cleveland and Harrison Were Driven by Him to Their Inaugural Ceremonies. Albert Was as Proud as Any.

(Special Washington Letter.) Albert Hawkins was once a conspicuous character in this city, but his glory has become a reminiscence. Nevertheless, among the colored people he is a hero, to whose statements they listen with rapt attention. Probably no man of his race, except Frederick Douglass, personally knew so many presidents and public men as Albert Hawkins. He was the white house coachman for many years, but his services were dispensed with early in the Harrison administration. He was given employment as messenger in the interior department, and there he



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proved to be as faithful in that capacity as he had been in his more important position.

Everybody used to know Albert Hawkins. He was particularly proud and conspicuously self-conscious on inauguration days. When the bands were playing and the troops were marching from the white house to the capitol for the inauguration of a president, and back again up Pennsylvania avenue in grand review, Albert Hawkins sat upon his box and handled the reins, directing the four handsome horses which drew the barouche in which the president and the ex-president were seated. The thousands of men, women and children who filled all available space and made the welkin ring with their cheers saw not only the two great men as they passed by, but they also saw the big black man who sat so high and looked so proud. Albert knew this, but his eyes never turned to the right nor to the left. He watched his horses, and made them feel the fact that a careful and skillful driver was directing their movements and constantly holding them in check.

As time passed by Albert Hawkins became accustomed to pomp, parade and panoply of war, and the number of his friends increased. Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Cleveland, Harrison—all of them were driven by him in proud procession to the capitol and to the white house. He was also the driver for these presidents during their terms of office; and many a state secret he overheard while driving a president and some statesman friend over the hills and heights surrounding this city. But never a word came from his lips concerning those things which were involuntarily intrusted to him in confidence. One evening after the death of Mr. Blaine, however, in conversation with a long-time friend, he said: "Mr. Garfield is gone, Mr. Conkling is gone, and now Mr. Blaine is gone. I drove President Garfield and Secretary Blaine to the soldiers' home one Sunday afternoon when the whole story of the New York collectorship was talked over. When I drew rein at the white house that evening I knew that Mr. Robertson was to be the collector at New York; but I never said anything. It was none of my business. It is none of my business now, either. I will not tell you what was said, but the conversation was earnest and somewhat exciting. You know that Mr. Conkling resigned from the senate soon afterwards. Then came an awful row, big men were at the white house early and late. Senators were sending mounted messengers, answers were being returned, everybody was crazy except Mr. Garfield. Congress adjourned, and then Mr. Garfield was shot at the depot. His poor wife suffered as he suffered. I often drove the carriage for her and Miss Mollie when they were out for an hour or two for fresh air. There were many tears shed in my presence. Well, then came Mr. Blaine's time to run for the presidency. I suppose everybody knows how he was defeated. But the real cause of Mr. Blaine's defeat dated from that Sunday afternoon drive, for that was when the awful row commenced."

For four years Albert was quietly at work in the interior department, but when Mrs. Cleveland came to Washington in February, 1893, the old man called to pay his respects. He informed Mrs. Cleveland that he was no longer the white house coachman, and was lifted to the seventh heaven of delight when that gracious and beautiful lady said: "But you shall drive on inauguration day, Albert, if you would like to." And so it happened that upon Mr. Cleveland's second inauguration Albert Hawkins held the ribbons for the last time. He is growing old, and does not feel strong enough to fill the responsible position. No accident ever

happened to any president nor to any member of the executive family while he was coachman, and he thinks that younger, stronger hands than his should now draw rein in that important position.

During the early days of his service Albert was accustomed to driving four horses for the presidential coach, but latterly our presidents have been less ostentatious, and two horses have been regarded as sufficient. It was not considered bad taste for President Grant to ride behind four horses and he constantly did so, and in those days it was the customary way for the president to go about, but President Hayes didn't like it and so the custom lapsed for four years and was only fitfully revived by President Arthur. That the latter preferred to drive that way was evident, for in summer he frequently took an airing behind the four light-stepping bays which he owned; for Mr. Arthur was as pronounced a lover of horses as Gen. Grant, and he frequently visited the white house stables.

Albert was always there, and the horses knew him well. He was very kind to them, giving them apples, lumps of sugar and bits of candy, which they relished and whinnied for whenever their driver's black face appeared in the doorway. President Arthur's bays would follow their black master all around the stable grounds, and even up and down Seventeenth street clear to the fish ponds near the monument. The old man always had a love for horses and the correlative faculty of making his dumb servants love him. He always taught them their individuality by impressing their names upon their brains; so that, when driving four horses, if any one of them needed an admonition the mention of his name by the driver on the box would almost mesmerize the animal. They all knew his voice, and he was so gentle with them that they responded to his appeals or commands with alacrity.

"Horses are more intelligent than their drivers in many cases," said Albert, recently. "They understand their business better, too. Why, I never walk down the avenue a single day without losing my temper, because there is always some hard-hearted fellow with reins in one hand and whip in the other beating or jerking the mouth of some faithful, intelligent horse who is doing his best, but trying in vain to respond to the will or whim of the brute behind him who is torturing the animal without cause. I do not think that any driver should be allowed to drink liquor. Many a horse and many a wife have suffered from the unreasonable meanness of a man with whisky in his blood. It makes brutes of men. I have seen so much of it in drivers, and that has made me notice it in men who treat their families no better than they treat their horses. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is a good society. There was a man named Bergh in New York started it. I saw him once in Washington, and constantly holding them in check."



THE HORSES KNEW HIM WELL.

gratulated him on the good work that he was doing.

"No, I was never nervous when driving for the presidents," said Albert. "After I had been serving Gen. Grant for a little while, they are like all other men, except that great men are always more considerate than ordinary men. I have known subordinate government officials to talk to their drivers as masters used to talk to slaves. But no president or cabinet officer ever spoke unkindly to me. They are all kind, high-minded men. Yes, I was nervous when I commenced to serve Gen. Grant, but I soon found that he was just like other men, only better and kinder. I never felt so proud as the day I was driving President Hayes and Mr. Garfield from the white house to the capitol. You see the governor's guards came here as a special escort for Mr. Garfield. They were from Columbus, O., and were all fine looking men on horseback, with big yellow plumes in their helmets. They surrounded the barouche, and they were awful proud, because Mr. Hayes and Mr. Garfield were both from Ohio, and Mr. Hayes had been governor of that state before he was president. It was a sort of a big Ohio day and the governor's guards were the big men of the occasion. They rode handsome horses, and everybody cheered as we went down the broad avenue. There was a snowstorm in the morning, but the sun came out, melted the snow, and the street was smooth and glittering as glass. I sat up on the box, proud as any of them. I was in my prime, and I was the greatest driver on earth. I knew that everybody who saw the governor's guards also saw me sitting up higher and grander than any of them, and I was awful proud. Of course I never said so then, but I can say so now. It was the greatest inauguration I ever saw, except the second time Mr. Cleveland came into the presi-

dency. That was the greatest day and the stormiest day I ever saw for any inauguration."

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Onions should be eaten as a counterbalance. They are good for the stomach, the complexion and the nerves when eaten either boiled or raw, but of course the unpleasant odor left on the breath after the indulgence in them is a barrier to their use to many people who would otherwise be able to take advantage of the good there is in them. To overcome all this and to give everyone a chance an old remedy is suggested—parsley. To entirely destroy the bad odor of onions eat a small sprig of this pretty green herb. There will be nothing in the breath or about the person at all suggestive of the odoriferous bulb five minutes after the parsley is eaten.

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—Durham university has been authorized to grant degrees to women. Oxford and Cambridge still hold out.

—According to Dr. Kukulka there are 119 universities in the world, with 157,513 students. Berlin, with 7,771 students, is the largest, and Urbino, with 71, the smallest.

—The ministers of Mt. Vernon, O., have, in view of the increasing laxness regarding divorce, passed a resolution giving public notice that they decline to marry divorced persons, except the innocent parties where the divorce is granted upon scriptural grounds.

—The rector of Trinity Episcopal church, of St. Augustine, Fla., is Rev. E. V. Evans. Recently, by the death of his uncle, Lord Carberry, in England, he has become heir to both the fortune and title left. The reverend peer has gone to England to enter on his new possessions.

—Archbishop Farrar made over \$40,000 out of his three books: "The Life of Christ," "The Life of St. Paul," and "Early Days of Christianity." He was only a comparatively unknown curate when one of his sermons attracted the attention of a publisher, who immediately commissioned him to visit Palestine in order to write a biography of Christ. This was how his gift of writing was first discovered.

—The Germans have some educational ideas which might be borrowed with profit, and among these are wall maps of different species of pestiferous weeds, which hang in the school-room, where the children can see them as long as they go to school. They are colored plates of weeds in all stages of growth, and also the way in which they scatter their seeds and propagate themselves.

—Sao Paulo College, Brazil.—The need of a college in Brazil, for the purpose of training Christian teachers and preachers, was for many years recognized by most of the missionaries in that country. It organization was proposed by the first synod of the Presbyterian church of Brazil, and was opposed by the general assembly of the Northern Presbyterian church, in 1889. The college owes its existence to the tireless activity and the generous gifts of Rev. George W. Chamberlain, the well-known missionary of the Presbyterian board in Brazil. The college is located upon a valuable plot of land in the city of Sao Paulo. On the same grounds is also the Boys' Boarding school.

Worth's Funeral.

The funeral procession of M. Worth is described as it passed through the streets of Paris as "a trail of black and silver cut by most magnificent wreaths and bouquets of flowers." One of the most splendid and imposing of the wreaths, says the New York Times, was sent by the ribbon merchants (les marchands de rubans), and measured fully three meters in diameter. It was composed entirely of white and mauve lilacs, great clumps of purple and mauve orchids, intermingled with ferns, while at the top figured a superb banking of fine feathery palms. The giant boys and ends of ribbon about twelve inches wide, crossing the wreaths interiorly, were of the finest and heaviest satin in the most exquisite mauve tint. In memory of their father, the two sons of M. Worth have distributed over five thousand dollars to Parisian charities.

The Spanish Government tried to borrow \$1,500,000 of the Havana bank for war expenses, but the bank did not have the money. A scheme for raising the amount is under discussion.

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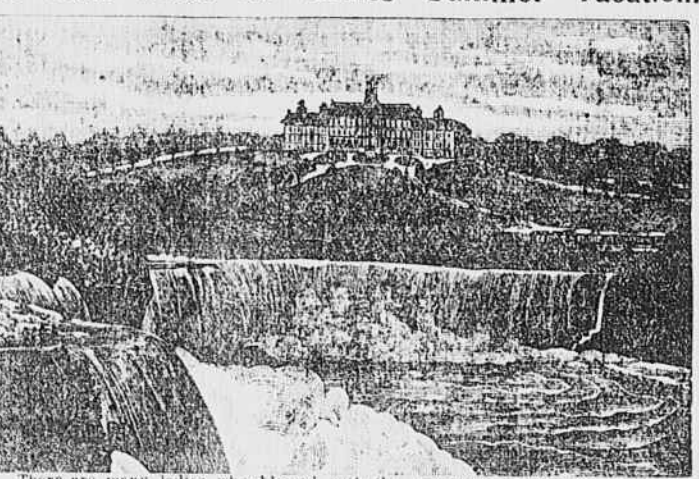
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